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1. SUMMARY. SOVIET PRESS COVERAGE OF THE U.S. CONTIUES TO
BE VERY STRIDENT, PERHAPS INCREASINGLY SO SINCE OUR REPORT IN
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REF B. NO FEWER THAN TWENTY ITEMS, OR ROUGHLY ONE-THIRD

OF THE SPACE DEVOTED TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN FOUR OF JANUARY 8'S CENTRAL PRESS PAPERS ARE DEVOTED TO CRITICISM OF THE U.S. END SUMMARY.

2. THE TREND WE REPORTED IN REG B TO INCREASINGLY STRIDENT AND CRITICAL COVERAGE OF THE U.S. IN THE SOVIET PRESS IS IF ANYTHING BECOMING MORE PRONOUNCED. THE THREE MOST AUTHORITATIVE PAPERS, PRAVDA, IZVESTIYA, AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THEIR MOST RECENT EDITIONS (JANUARY 7 AND 8) ALL DEVOTE THEIR DAILY CARTOONS TO CRITICISM OF THE U.S. THE PRESS HAS CONTINUED (E.G.), REFTEL A) TO MAKE BOWS, ON AN ABSTRACT PLANE, TO THE IMPORTANCE OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. HOWEVER, CRITICISM OF U.S. SOCIAL CONDITIONS, OF GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES, OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION, AND OF AMERICAN BEHAVIOR PATTERNS CONTINUES AT A VERY HIGH RATE AND IS RARELY BALANCED BY FAVORABLE COMMENTARY ON ANY ASPECT OF THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF ANTI-AMERICANA IN THE JANUARY 7-8 EDITIONS OF FOUR OF THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE PAPERS IN MOSCOW'S CENTRAL PRESS:

(A) IZVESTIYA (EVENING OF JANUARY 7)

--CARTOON: RAGING MAN WITH ARM AROUND COLUMN OF GRECIAN STYLE BUILDING HOLDING ONTO ROPE WITH LEGEND "DISCRIMINATORY AMENDMENTS" WHICH IN TURN IS HOLDING BACK TRUCK LABELED "DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE."

-- TASS ITEM TITLED "ILLOGICAL THREATS" REPORTING INTERNATIONAL REACTION TO THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS IN THE BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW ON MILITARY INTERVENTION IN THE OIL-PRODUCING STATES.

--"INVESTIGATION CONTINUES": AN UNATTRIBUTED REPORT ON U.S. REACTION TO CIA "INTERNAL ESPIONAGE."

--"CULTURE..WITH FISTS": A SIGNED COMMENTARY ON DIFFICULTIES OF AMERICAN-FILIPINO RELATIONS AROUND AND ON CLARK FIELD.

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(B) PRAVDA

--CARTON: CAPITALIST IN TOP HAT REACHING OUT FROM BATTLESHIP DOCKING AT OIL TANK LABELED "MIDDLE EAST OIL" TO CONNECT OIL SPIGGOT FROM TANK TO BATTLESHIP'S GUN BARREL. CARTOON IS ATTACHED TO TASS ITEM HEADLINED "INDIGNATION AND PROTESTS" AND REPORTING FURTHER INTERNATIONAL REACTION, IN ADDITION TO THAT REPORTED IN IZVESTIYA, TO SECRETARY'S BUSINESS

WEEK INTERVIEW.

--PHOTO OF UNEMPLOYED IN DETROIT STANDING IN LINE TO RECEIVE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. CAPTION NOTES THAT "AMERICANS SAY" THAT ONLY THOSE EMPLOYED IN EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES ARE CERTAIN ALWAYS TO HAVE WORK.

--LENGTHY COMMENTARY BY VICTOR MAYEVSKIY TITLED "NEW SCANDAL IN THE SECRET EMPIRE" ON CIA'S "INTERNAL ESPIONAGE". MAYESKIY CONCLUDES THAT AFFAIR IS "FURTHER EVIDENCE" OF SICKNESS OF DEMOCRACY WHICH "SOME FUTILELY STRIVE TO ADVERTISE ABROAD."

--"WHERE WILL THE PIECES OF THE ROCKET FALL": A TASS PIECE REPORTING THAT REMNANTS OF AN ORBITING SATURN V ROCKET ARE ABOUT TO REENTER THE ATMOSPHERE, AND WILL FALL AMERICAN EXPERTS KNOW NOT WHERE.

--"OPERATION GOLD AUCTION": REPORTING "FAILURE" OF THE GOLD AUCTION AND COMMENTS BY THE LONDON "FINANCIAL TIMES" "RIDICULING"THE AUCTION.

(C) KRASNAYA ZVEZDA

--"TROOPS AGAINST INDIANS": REPORT ON THE WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ORDERED AGAINST INDIANS OCCUPYING A MONASTERY IN THAT STATE.

--"WHAT IS HIDDEN BEHIND THE KANTO PLAN", ON PRESSURE BY U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITIES ON JAPANESE DEFENSE FORCE TO RESTRAIN THE POPULAR MOVEMENT AGAINST U.S. BASES IN THAT COUNTRY.

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--CARTOON SHOWING RAGING PENTAGON GENERAL WITH SHOVEL IN HAND POURING OUT AID FUNDS FROM HE TRASURY TO SAIGON, ISRAEL, SOUTH KOREA, AND CHILE, POINTING FINGER AT APPROACHING MASS OF "USA UNEMPLOYED", AND SHOUTING "GET LOST, TRAMPS, THIS LINE ISN'T FOR YOU."

--"ARMIES OF NATO", A BOOK REVIEW WHICH SAYS THAT THE USA AND OTHER NATO COUNTRIES REGARD THE ARMED FORCES AS THE MAIN MEANS THROUGH WHICH THEIR AGGRESSIVE FOREIGN POLICIES ARE IMPLEMENTED.

--THE TASS PIECE ON THE SCRETARY'S INTERVIEW WITH BUSINESS WEEK NOTED IN PRAVDA BOVE.

--THE TASS PIECE ON THE ORBITING SATURN V NOTED IN PRAVDA.

--A TASS REPORT NOTING THAT THE ENTERPRISE AND A GROUP OF OTHER SEVENTH FLEET SHIPS HAVE LEFT SUBIC BAY AND CITING PENTAGON SPOKESMAN'S REFUSAL TO CONFIRM OR DENY REPORTS THEY ARE HEADING FOR SOUTH VIETNAM.

--SIGNED COMMENTARY ON U.S. ECONOMIC CRISIS WHICH SAYS, INTER ALIA, THAT FEWER THAN HALF OF THE 6.5 MILLION UNEMPLOYED RECEIVE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

(D) LITERATURNAYA GAZETA

--THREE LENGTHY ARTICLES UNDER THE HEADING: "THE 'RIGHTS' OF MAN IN A WORLD WITHOUT RIGHTS". TWO OF THE THREE ARE ON CIA'S "INTERNAL ESPIONAGE", THE THIRD (COVERING A WHOLE PAGE) ON U.S. RESEARCH ON IMPLANTING ELECTRONIC GUIDANCE DEVICES AND OTHER "BEHAVIOR CONTROL" METHODS FOR USE IN CONTROLLING THE MASSES. AMONG THE COMMENTS: "WHO DOES THE SPYING" THE CIA, THE PENTAGON, THE FBI. WHO IS SPIED UPON? EVERYONE SUSPECTED OF HAVING DEMOCRATIC BELIEFS."
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